

KRAMER PLANS DRY DRIVE SOON

Ashworth Asks \$2,000,000 of Congress to Stop All Liquor Smuggling.

MEXICO IS BIG OFFENDER.

Customs Officials to Search Vessels at Coast Ports and Patrol Borders.

\$100,000 in Whiskey Stolen From Distillery

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Federal prohibition authorities received a telegram to-day saying that sixty barrels of whiskey had been stolen from a distillery in the vicinity of Baltimore. This whiskey, at current rates, is valued at approximately \$100,000.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Everything is ready for the first nationwide American drive for the absolute enforcement of constitutional prohibition.

Within the next few days Federal prohibition agents in every city and State, assisted by local and State authorities, will begin a vigorous enforcement campaign, in which they hope to round up thousands of violators of the law. Up to this time the Government has been devoting itself largely to the work of completing a competent organization to carry on this work, but now that it is virtually complete the real task of enforcement will begin.

Simultaneously with the decision to start the drive under United States Prohibition Commissioner Kramer, George W. Ashworth, Director of the Customs Service, took steps to put a stop to what he described as wholesale smuggling of intoxicating liquor into the United States. He asked Congress for \$2,000,000 for additional customs agents.

Mr. Ashworth declared that most of the liquor is smuggled into the United States across the Mexican border, adding that the amount possible to seize with the present force of agents is small in comparison with the amount brought into the country.

Treasury Plans a "Dry Wall."

Mr. Ashworth said that to enforce this plan of constitutional prohibition the Treasury Department plans a "dry wall" around the country because of the fact that the Volstead law provides that no intoxicating liquors shall be exported or imported for beverage purposes. Large forces of mounted customs service agents will be maintained along the Mexican and Canadian borders, and the number of inspectors at all ports will be increased. Ships will be searched and the crews put under a close surveillance, Mr. Ashworth said.

His letter asking for the appropriation.

This increase in the customs appropriation is necessary to enable the department, through the customs service, to adequately perform the duties imposed upon it by that part of Section 1 of the constitutional prohibition amendment which prohibits the importation of intoxicating liquors into or out of the United States and its insular possessions. In order to efficiently perform this duty it is obvious that it will be necessary to considerably augment the present force of customs inspectors at all ports along the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, as well as along the Canadian and Mexican borders.

Numerous Convictions Obtained.

"At the present time collectors of customs throughout the service are employing every available means to circumvent liquor smuggling in their districts, and while large quantities of such contraband have been seized and convictions of violators secured, it is safe to say that on account of the meagre facilities now at hand for coping with the situation the quantity of liquor seized is infinitesimal in comparison with the quantity which has actually been smuggled into the country.

As an indication of the handicap under which collectors of customs operate, Mr. Ashworth stated that in their efforts to stamp out the liquor smuggling, the following is quoted from a letter addressed to the Attorney-General by the United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas:

"I have just returned from El Paso, where such an unusual and unprecedented state of affairs exists that I feel it my duty to report to you the conditions. There is a veritable reign of terror out there, principally from the smuggling of intoxicating liquors, and morphine, etc., from Mexico. Officers have been vigorously prosecuted, but in the face of all this, as above stated, the smuggling of liquor seems to be on the increase.

The Customs officials at El Paso are doing splendid work with the limited number of men at their disposal, and they should be commended for their vigilance and efficiency, but the number of men in this service at El Paso and the El Paso division is entirely inadequate, as is shown by the ever increasing number of smugglers operating in this vicinity. The Customs officials are seizing liquors and apprehending the offenders, but it is believed that the great majority of the offenders escape with their contraband liquors. I am sure the number of men in the Customs Service should be materially increased.

It will, therefore, be necessary to search thoroughly every vessel arriving from foreign ports and exercise a close surveillance over the crews thereof while they remain in port. It will be necessary to maintain a considerable force of mounted inspectors along the Mexican and Canadian borders, efficient to patrol the hundreds of highways, and to patrol the thousands of automobiles and motor vehicles daily crossing the border.

Arriving Vessels a Problem.

It is needless to say that these problems are directly concerned with the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, and when consideration is taken of the number of vessels daily arriving from foreign ports, it is not surprising that it will be necessary to search the thousands of miles of border to patrol on foot, horse, automobile and motor vehicle, the thousands of automobiles and motor vehicles daily crossing the border.

ELOPERS ARE FORGIVEN BY THE WIDENER FAMILY



FIFI WIDENER LEIDY.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Leidy Passing Their Honeymoon at Asheville, N. C.

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—While Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Widener declined to-day to make any public announcement regarding their daughter, Fifi, now Mrs. Carter Leidy, and the elopement of the young couple, it was said by a friend of the family that the prohibition is all right. This is confirmed in dispatches from Asheville, N. C., where the young couple are. To an inquiry there Mr. Leidy said:

"We have received a telegram from Mr. and Mrs. Widener congratulating us, and we are very, very happy."

"Yes, indeed, we are," added the bride, who was standing beside her young husband. Asked when they expected to return to Philadelphia, Mr. Leidy said: "Why, we won't go back home for three months. We may remain in Asheville all the time, but it is more likely we will not stay more than one month as we have other places we wish to visit. We know a lot of people here, and already several have called on us."

Mr. Leidy and Miss Widener did not know Knoxville by accident, it is now known. They found out from a lawyer that Tennessee is the one State in the Union in which they could have been married legally without committing perjury or running the risk of having their

marriage annulled, as Tennessee alone legalizes marriages at the age of fourteen years.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 2.—If Carter Randolph Leidy and Josephine Pancoast Widener, better known to her friends as Fifi, planned to keep their movements while in Knoxville secret they were successful.

While it is believed the young Philadelphia couple arrived here Saturday morning by way of Cincinnati, even that fact is not definitely known. They obtained licenses to wed early Saturday morning and later appeared at the parish house of the St. Joseph-St. John's Episcopal Church, where, after receiving satisfactory answers to questions about their ages, the Rev. Walter C. Whitaker married them, using the ring service in his adjoining chapel. Miss Lillian Bell of Knoxville and E. H. Reilly of Charlotte, N. C., who happened to be in the rectory, witnessed the ceremony. Both the bride and bridegroom made emphatic responses to the necessary questions.

Where Carter Leidy and his bride went following the ceremony, how they entertained themselves until train time is yet a mystery. They did not register at any of the local hotels. Leidy, however, wired for hotel reservations at Asheville.

DISPUTE TROUSERS USE AS VEHICLE

Bringing Hip Pockets Under Ban Narrowly Averted.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—To most people trousers are just trousers, but the United States District Court here will decide within a few days whether trousers are a "vehicle, team and automobile, or air or water craft" in the meaning of the enforcement act of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution. If the court decides that trousers are any or all of these things when it comes to carrying liquor about in them, then it will be unlawful to carry liquor in the hip pocket of the vehicle, team or automobile, air or water craft, and all the joys will have been taken out of life.

The case before the court is that of Charles N. Thomas, president of the Commonwealth Trust and Security Company. He went to the Red Lantern Cafe Saturday night and concealed in his highball from a bottle which he drew from his hip pocket. Federal agents immediately pounced upon him, confiscated the flask and escorted Mr. Thomas to a police station. This morning Mr. Thomas and his attorney appeared in the Federal building before a United States Commissioner and was informed that he was charged with having violated that part of the prohibition law which prohibits the transportation of liquor in any "vehicle, team or automobile, air or water craft," the penalty being the confiscation of whatever it is.

Mr. Thomas and his attorney both declared that they were willing to have his trousers declared a vehicle and confiscated.

"Take them," said Mr. Thomas. "I can get a new pair of pants."

But just when it seemed that Mr. Thomas's trousers would be declared a vehicle and confiscated, Major A. V. Dunsmyth, head of the Enforcement Bureau, ordered him held on a charge of violating still another section of the law, known as section 3 title 2, which prohibits the manufacture, sale, barter, transporting, importing, exporting, furnishing or possessing of liquor, fact, liberally construed, appears to prohibit one doing anything to liquor except look longingly at it.

Valera Welcomed by Gov. Edwards

NEWYORK, Feb. 2.—President Edmond de Valera of the Irish republic called upon Gov. Edwards to-night and was cordially welcomed when presented by former Representative Eugene F. Kincaid of Jersey City. Mayor Gilman of Jersey City, Mayor Gilman of Newark, James R. Nugent of Essex and a number of leaders from the northern part of the State accompanied De Valera.

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ARRESTS FOLLOW RAIDS

Police Hereafter Will Aid in Enforcing Dry Laws, It Is Announced.

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ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The opposition to Speaker Sweet and his conduct of the trial of the five Socialist Assemblymen who are charged with disloyalty, collapsed completely to-night in the Assembly. The only move was by Assemblyman J. Fairfax McLaughlin, Democrat of the Bronx, who offered a resolution objecting to the State using as evidence against the five suspended members, the records of their votes on war measures. That was side-tracked quickly.

The attack on the Speaker's leadership, concerning which there has been much discussion for the last week, was not made. Assemblyman Amos, Republican of New York, did not even call for a vote on any of the resolutions he had filed at the desk condemning the trial and calling for the reseat of the Assemblymen. Lieut.-Col. Theodore Roosevelt, reported to stand ready to lead the fight, did not rise from his chair during the short session.

Finding it useless to continue battering at the solid Republican majority, the Democratic minority and the few Republican insurgents have abandoned all effort to break down the trial. They will make their fight when the Judiciary Committee presents its final report.

Mr. McLaughlin was one of the two Democrats who opposed the original resolution ousting the Socialists pending their trial. In his resolution the Assemblyman states that the constitutional provision of free speech gives full protection for votes cast on legislative measures.

"Cannot Be Waived."

"This privilege of a member cannot be waived," the resolution states, "but is guaranteed for the purpose of insuring the utmost freedom of speech and action to members of either House, so that, while acting in their official capacity, they may feel secure to act to the best of their ability with the knowledge that their official acts and words cannot be called in question in any other place."

Inasmuch as votes cast by the five Socialists in the 1918 session have been called in question in disregard of the privileges of the House, the resolution provided that any vote of the suspended members cast shall not be called in question in the trial now pending.

The Speaker ruled that the motion was not privileged under the rules of the Assembly, and therefore must go over until to-morrow.

Louis Martin, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said he would deal with the resolution "in due procedure." Before it is reached in that procedure the State will have completed its record of the Socialists' votes on war bills.

"There was no use trying to move the resolutions I had presented at former sessions, as the Assembly steam roller was working too well to-night," Mr. Amos said.

Two Witnesses Called To-day.

Two witnesses who will be called to the stand tomorrow by the State are Peter W. Collins of New York and Assemblyman Mitchell A. Trahan, Jr., of Westchester. Mr. Collins was formerly president of the Boston Labor Council and is director of reconstruction and supervisor of the employment bureau of the Knights of Columbus. He is a lecturer against Bolshevism, socialism and radicalism in general. Mr. Trahan will tell the committee something about the political activities of the Socialists in the Assembly during the war period.

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BELIEVES PLANETS INHABITED BY MEN

Sir Oliver Lodge Tells of Earth's Preparation for Life.

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THRENTON, Feb. 2.—Senator Simpson of Hudson made public to-night an opinion of former Attorney-General Robert H. McCarter holding that New Jersey has the right to pass an act enforcing the prohibition amendment and defining "intoxicating liquor" contrary to the definition of Congress. He pointed out that the Supreme Court of the United States has jealously guarded the reserved rights of States to legislate upon matters affecting exercise by the States of the police power.

For the purpose of determining of what disposition the majority would make of the administration's utility legislation the Governor called to conference to-night Chairman Hershey of the House Judiciary Committee, which has the bills in its possession.

Mr. Hershey informed the Governor that he had no knowledge what disposition would be made of the measures, but that he would call a conference of his colleagues and advise the Governor later. At a conference to-day the Republican members of the Senate unanimously agreed to oppose an elective utility commission, which principle is advocated in the Governor's measures providing for a reorganization of the present utility commission.

Following a conference with the chairman of the Judiciary Committee of both houses (Gov. Edwards announced that a joint public hearing would be held next Monday afternoon on the measures authorizing the manufacture of beer and wines containing 4 per cent of alcohol. The Governor requested the conference with the chairman for the purpose of bringing the question of beer manufacture to the front at the earliest possible date and to determine public sentiment on the subject.

DESCHANEL SENDS GREETING.

French Mission Here Receives a Message From New President.

What members of the French High Commission believe to be the first public statement of Paul Deschanel, since his election to the Presidency of France, is a greeting to the people of the United States, received at the offices of the commission here yesterday. It reads: "The changing tides of politics cannot affect that which has a great ideal for its foundation."

"Throughout the crisis in which humanity's age-long strike for liberty and justice was on the verge of collapse, American democracy has remained the champion of the most noble cause. Together, we may now face the future with confidence."

HOLD 3 SAILORS FOR MURDER.

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